GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Social Welfare Department - Surprise check conducted by Anti-Corruption Bureau in Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel (Special), Gottumukkala Road, Vasantha Colony, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District on Allegations of misconduct and misuse of Government funds on 23.12.2019 - Certain irregularities noticed - Initiation of departmental proceedings against Sri Sangepu Samson, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama Division, Krishna District (now retired) under Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Articles of Charges - Issued

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SOCIAL WELFARE (VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No.412 Dated:18.12.2023

Read the following:

1. From the DG, ACB Lr.C.No.77/DES-VKI/2019-S9, Dt.28.07.2022.
2. From the DG, ACB Lr.C.No.77/DES-CKI/2019-S9, Dt.09.05.2023.
3. G.O.Rt.No.411, S.W. (Vig.) Dept., Dt.18.12.2023.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri Sangepu Samson, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama Division, Krishna District (now retired) in G.O. 3rd read above, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against the said individual in accordance with the procedure laid down in rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri Sangepu Samson, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama Division, Krishna District (now retired) is directed to submit a written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri Sangepu Samson, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama Division, Krishna District (now retired) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Sangepu Samson, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama Division, Krishna District (now retired) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Further attention of Sri Sangepu Samson, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama Division, Krishna District (now retired) is also invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any

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superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri Sangepu Samson, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama Division, Krishna District (now retired) is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the A.P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

G. JAYALAKSHMI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri Sangepu Samson,
former Assistant Social Welfare Officer,
Nandigama Division, Krishna District (now retired)
(through the Director of Social Welfare, Tadepalli,
Guntur District)
The Director of Social Welfare,
Tadepalli, Guntur District.
(with a request to serve the order on the
charged officer and return the served copy
to Government for record)

Copy to:
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau,
2nd Floor, NTR Admn. Bhavan, P.N. Bus Station,
Vijayawada, Krishna District, A.P.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
A.P.V.C, Velagapudi.
SF/SCs.

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI SANGEPU SAMSON, ASSISTANT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, NANDIGAMA DIVISION, KRISHNA DISTRICT.

That Sri Sangepu Samson while working as Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Vijayawada, Krishna District. His date of birth is 01.07.1961. He entered into Government Service as Hostel Welfare Officer Grade-II on 19.03.1983, and worked as ASWO Nandigama, from 13-04-2007, till the date of surprise check i.e., 23.12.2019. While working as Assistant Social Welfare Officer during the period from 13-04-2007 to 23-12-2019, he committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE

1. That Sri Sangepu Samson ASWO (G.S) further inflated the online boarders' attendance which was already inflated by the Sri Syed Sayeed Ahamed Kirmani, Hostel Welfare Officer, and drawn excess diet charges of Rs.45,031.21/-.

2. That the Sri Sangepu Samson ASWO (G.S) failed to properly inspect the Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel, Kanchikacharla and orally allowed a private person to work as Watchman and also failed to supervise the work of his sub-ordinate.

Thus, Sri Sangepu Samson, Asst. Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama, Krishna District, by his above-mentioned acts, has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a member of state Government Service and thereby violated Rule 3(1) (2) & 3(5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 R/W Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules,1980.

G. JAYALAKSHMI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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ANNEXURE - II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI SANGEPU SAMSON, ASWO, NANDIGAMA DIVISION, KRISHNA DISTRICT.

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That Sri Sangepu Samson while working as Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Vijayawada, Krishna District. His date of birth is 01.07.1961. He entered into Government Service as Hostel Welfare Officer Grade-II on 19.03.1983, and worked as ASWO Nandigama, from 13-04-2007, till the date of surprise check i.e., 07-07-2017. His Basic Pay is Rs.55410-00/-. He is retired from Service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2021. He is here-in-after referred to as retired Government Servant.

CHARGE

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2. That the Sri Sangepu Samson ASWO (G.S) failed to properly inspect the Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel, Kanchikacharla and orally allowed a private person to work as Watchman and also failed to supervise the work of his sub-ordinate.

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS IN SUPPORT OF CHARGE

On reliable information, the Hostel Welfare Officer of Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel (Special), Gottumukkala Road, Vasantha Colony Road, Vasantha Colony, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District by inflating the attendance figures of the Boarders and not following the diet menu and thus drawing excess diet charges meant for the poor students as a welfare measure, a surprise check was conducted on the hostel on 23.12.2019 from 06.30 hrs. to 17.00 hrs. in the presence of mediators viz 1) Sri Akkaraju Sridhar, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of State Taxes, O/o the Assistant Commissioner, Krishna Lanka Circle, Vijayawada and 2) Sri Davuluri Narendra Babu, Executive Tax Assistant (Jr. Assistant) O/o the Assistant Commissioner, Krishna Lanka Circle, Vijayawada.

At about 06.30 Hrs. the ACB party entered the above Hostel and found one male person aged about 45 years found in the Verandah of the hostel and one female person preparing some food in the Kitchen Room. The Inspector Sri B. Srinivas introduced himself and search party members to the male person, who was in Verandah and informed him about the purpose of the Surprise Check and ascertained his name and address as Sri Seelam Veera Babu, S/o Peddidrajulu, 45 years, R/o 25th lane, Sarada Colony, Guntur. He stated that he is working as a watchman of Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel Special, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District in the place of his son Sri Seelam Venkateswara Rao (permanent employee) since 03.12.2019 as his son felt sick. The second person introduced herself as 2) Smt. Pakalapati Lakshmi, W/o Jacob, 51 years, (Kamati) Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel Special, Kanchikacherla (M), Krishna District, R/o R.C.M. Church Road, Chevitikallu (V), Kanchikacherla, Krishna District and she has been working as Cook' in the said Hostel.

Inspector III asked the Cook about the presence of the Hostel Welfare Officer. On that, she stated that Sri Syed Sayeed Ahamed Kirmani is the Hostel Welfare Officer, who resides at Vijayawada and further stated that the HWO will come to the Hostel after 10.00 AM.

Then Inspector-I got assembled the boarders present in the hostel with the help of his staff and Mediators and the physical strength of the hostel is as follows:

Sl. No.	Classes	No. of boarders present at the time of Surprise Check i.e., 23.12.2019
1	3rd Class to 10th Class	27

Then the Inspector-III, ACB randomly picked the following boarders from 4th Class to 10th Class and recorded their statements:-

1. Kocharla Ravi Kiran S/o Santaiah, 14 years, 10th class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o Anasagaram (V), Nandigama (M), Krishna District, Cell No.8498893526.
2. Palllepogu Vidhya Sagar, S/o Sudhakar, 16 years, 10th class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o Chowtapalli (V), Veerullapadu (M), Krishna District, Cell No.6301540929.
3. Palaparthi Tirupathi Rao, S/o Rubenu, 15 years, 9th Class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o S.Amaravaram (V), Kanchikacherla (M), Krishna District, Cell No.8187025228.
4. Medidha Ajay, S/o Balaswamy, 14 years, 9th Class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o Belamkondavaripalem, Nandigama (M), Krishna District, Cell No.7995904717.
5. Sagurthi Pullaiah, S/o Yesupadam, 14 years, 9th Class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, Cell No.9010932889.
6. Katarapu Ganesh, S/o Pitchaiah, 14 years, 8th Class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o Raghavapuram (V), Nandigama (M), Krishna District, Cell No.72859329.
7. Palaparti Abhishek, S/o Elisa, 13 years, 7th Class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o S.Amaravaram (V), Kanchikacherla (M), Krishna District.

On examination, they categorically stated that they have been studying 4th to 10th Class in Zilla Parishad High School, Kanchikacherla and staying at Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel Special, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District. The HWO has not been serving Milk, bananas and snacks regularly to them and does not follow Menu Chart. The sanitary conditions of the Hostel are not good. The toilets are not in good condition. Further, they stated that the HWO is serving insufficient rice and it is not sufficient to them and the HWO is serving inferior quality of rice and the HWO forced them to clean Bath rooms and utensils etc., facts.

Then all the boarders who are present in the hostel had their breakfast and they were allowed to go to their school. As per the prescribed menu the breakfast on Thursday i.e., on 23.12.2019 is Upma (4 Kgs.) and they served the same.

Meanwhile at about 07.50 am., a person aged about 37 years attended before the Inspector-III and introduced himself as Sri Syed Sayeed Ahamed Kirmani, S/o S. Maqdoom Kirmani, 37 years, Hostel Welfare Officer, Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel Special, Vasanta Colony, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District. When Inspector-III asked him why did he attend the Hostel late and on that he stated that yesterday night i.e., on 22.12.2019 he went to the house at Vijayawada as he has some personal work and returned to the hostel at this time. When did the inspector ask the HWO at what time he has to be present in the hostel in the morning. On that, he stated that he has to be present by 06.00 Hrs., but was not able to explain the reason for his late arrival. He further stated that Smt.Pakalapati Lakshmi is working as Kamati (Servant) and Seelam Venkateswara Rao is working as Watchman. He further stated that Smt. Pakalapati Lakshmi has been working as Cook since June 2017 and she prepares the food with the assistance of the watchman's father Seelam Veera Babu. Seelam Venkateswara Rao is working as a watchman since September 2017, he is suffering from Jaundice, as per oral instructions of ASWO Sri S. Samson, Seelam Venkateswara Rao's father Seelam Veera Babu is working in his place as a watchman from 06.12.2019.

Further, Inspector III secured the following Hostel workers and recorded their statements.

1. Smt. Pakalapati Lakshmi, W/o Jacob, 51 years, Kamati, Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel Special, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o RCM Church Road, Chevitikallu, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District:

   On examination, she stated that she has been working as Cook in the Hostel since June-2017. Sri Syed Sayeed Ahamed Kirmani, HWO and Seelam Venkateswara Rao are watchmen of this Hostel. For one month Watchman Seelam Venkateswara Rao is suffering from Jaundice and he didn't attend to Watchman duties. The Warden allowed Seelam Venkateswara Rao's father Seelam Veera Babu to work as Watchman in the place of Seelam Venkateswara Rao. Daily she comes to the hostel at 05.30 AM and the HWO issue provisions to her for preparing food as per the menu and serves the same to the boarders along with the assistance of the watchman. Further, she stated that Eggs and Bananas are not being served to the boarders and Chicken is served only 2 days a week, etc. facts.

2. Sri Seelam Veera Babu, S/o S. Peddi Raju, 43 years, Occ. Cooli, Saradha Colony, Near Reddipalem Bye Pass, Guntur:

   On examination, he stated that his son Seelam Venkateswara Rao is working as a watchman in Government Welfare Hostel, and now he is working in Kanchikacherla Government Boys Hostel. His son Seelam Venkateswara Rao is suffering from Jaundice and he could not able to attend to his duties he requested the Warden allowed him in the place of his son as the watchman, Warden agreed to allow him to work from 03.12.2019 onwards and that he work as a watchman in the place of his son.

Then Inspector-I asked the HWO to produce the records that are being maintained in the hostel. On the request of the Inspector, ACB, the Hostel Welfare Officer produced the following registers.

1. Boarders Attendance Register of Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel Special, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District for the year 2019-2020:

It is being maintained from 01.04.2019 to 22.12.2019 for the academic year 2019-2020. As per the attendance register, the total strength of boarders is 126 in the hostel and the HWO had given attendance for 73 boarders on 22.12.2019 evening. When Inspector-III got verified the physical strength of the Hostel by comparing it with the attendance register with the assistance of his staff and Mediators, the physical strength of the boarders is only 27 on 23.12.2019, out of 73 boarders shown present per the Attendance Register. Thus, the HWO has given Excess presents to 46 boarders though they are not present in the Hostel. When Inspector III asked the HWO about the excess present given to 46 students, he maintained silence.

Sl. No.	Class	As per the Attendance Register	Physically present on 23.12.2019
1	3rd Class	09	02
2	4th Class	09	01
3	5th Class	06	---
4	6th Class	18	04
5	7th Class	16	04
6	8th Class	22	01
7	9th Class	31	05
8	10th Class	15	10
	Total	126	27

2. Staff Attendance Register 2017:

It is being maintained from 01.04.2017 to the date of the Surprise Check i.e., on 23.12.2019. On perusal of the register for the month of December, Sri Syed Sayeed Ahamed Kirmani, HWO, Smt. P. Lakshmi (Kamati) and Seelam Venkateswara Rao (Watchman) are working in the Hostel. The HWO and Kamati signed in Attendance Register. Watchman Seelam Venkateswara Rao was on C.L. from 22.11.2019 to 02.12.2019. When Inspector-III asked the HWO about the signature of Seelam Venkateswara Rao from 03.12.2019, he stated that as per the instructions of ASWO, he allowed the father of Seelam Venkateswara Rao to work as a watchman and on that he got signed on the Attendance register.

3. Provisions Stock and Issue Register 2019-2020:

Academic Year 2019-2020 and the Hostel was re-opened on 12.06.2019 for the Academic Year 2019-2020 and on perusal of the register, the provision stock balances were not updated from 22.12.2019 and noted as follows. The Inspector with the help of his staff and Mediators physically verified the stock present in the hostel by getting an electronic weighing machine from a nearby provisions shop and got weighed the provisions following is the abstract of the stock register balance and physical balance as on 23.12.2019.

Sl. No.	Opening balance of Provisions 22.12.2019		Approximate Ration drew on 21.12.2019	Closing Balance on 22.12.2019	Advance ration drawn for 23.12.2019	Actual closing Balance on 23.12.2019	Stock available on physical verification on on 23.12.2019	Excess / shortage
	Provision	(A) Quality	(B)	(A-B) =C	(D)	(C-D)= E	F	E & F
1	Rice	545 Kgs. On 21.12.2019	25 Kgs. 21.12.2019	520 Kgs.	Record not updated from 22.12.2019	520 Kgs.	530 Kgs.	10 Kgs. Excess
2	Red gram Dal	19 Kgs. On 21.12.2019	2 Kgs.	17 Kgs.	Record not updated from 22.12.219	17 Kgs.	13.700 Kgs.	3.300 Kgs. Shortage
3	Oil (Pam oil)	8 Ltrs. On 21.12.2019	2 Ltrs.	6 Ltrs.	Record not updated from 22.12.2019	6 Ltrs.	1 Ltrs.	5 Ltrs. Shortage
4	Tamarind	34 Kgs. On 21.12.2019	1 Kg	33 Kgs.	Record not updated from 22.12.2019	33 Kgs.	24.500 Kgs.	8.500 Kgs Shortage
5	Ragi Malt	6 Kgs. On 21.12.2019	1 KG	5 Kgs.	Record not updated from 22.12.2019	5 Kgs.	2.500 Kgs.	2.500 Kgs. Shortage
6	Jiggery	3 Kgs. on 21.12.2019	1 Kg	2 Kgs.	Record not updated from 22.12.2.19	2 Kgs.	Not found	2 Kgs. shortage.
7	Salt	3 Kgs. on 21.12.2019	1 Kg	2 Kgs.	Record not updated from 22.12.2019	2 Kgs.	7 Kgs.	5 Kgs. Excess
8	Wheat Ravva	24 Kgs. on 19.12.2019	10 Kgs.	14 Kgs.	Record not updated from 22.12.2019	14 Kgs.	9.200 Kgs. as on 23.12.2019	4.800 Kgs. shortage
9	Gas Cylinders	3 Nos. on 19.12.2019	1	2	Record not updated from 22.12.2019	2	2	---
10	Idly	34 Kgs. on	12 Kgs.	22 Kgs.	Record not	22 Kgs.	18.100	3.900 Kgs.

	Ravva	21.12.2019			updated from 22.12.2019		Kgs.	Shortage
11	B. G. Dall (Mana papu)	20 Kgs. on 21.12.2019	5 Kgs.	15 Kgs.	Reocrd not updated from 22.12.2019	15 Kgs.	7 Kgs.	8 Kgs. Shortage
12	Groun d nuts	4 Kgs. on 21.12.2019	2 Kgs.	2 Kgs.	Record not updated from 22.12.2019	2 Kgs.	7.790 Kgs.	5.790 Kgs. Excess
13	Chekki s (Groun d Nut Pattis)	4862 Nos on 21.12.2019	112 Ns	4,750 Nos	Record nout updated from 22.12.2019	4,750 Nos	5000 Nos	250 Nos Excess
14	Papulu (Talim pu)	4.200 Kgs. on 21.12.2019	0.400 Grms	3.800 Kgs.	Record not updated from 22.12.2019	3.800 Kgs.	1.700 Kgs.	2.100 Kgs. Shortage
15	Red Chili Powde r	5 Kgs. on 21.12.2019	0.500 grms	4.500 Kgs.	Record not updated from 22.12.2019	4.500 Kgs.	9 Kgs.	4.500 Kgs. Excess
16	Sugar	7 Kgs. on 21.12.2019	1 Kg	6 Kgs.	Record not updated from 22.12.2019	6 Kgs.	7.400 Kgs.	1.400 Kgs. Excess
17	Milk	---	--	--	Record not updated from 22.12.2019	--	NIL	Record not updated from 21.12.19
18	Eggs	--	--	--	Record not updated from 22.12.2019	--	10	Record not updated from 22.12.2019
19	Banan a	Record not updated from 22.12.2019	--	--	--	--	Nil	Record not updated from 22.12.2019
20	Wheat Powde r	15 Kgs. on 15.12.2019	10 Kgs. on 15.12.2019	5 Kgs. closing on 15.12.20 19	Weekly once i.e., Sunday on 22.12.19	5 Kgs.	Not found	5 Kgs. Shortage as on 23.12.19
21	Turme ric Powde r	2 Kgs. as on 21.12.2019	0.500 Grms	1.5 Ks.	Record not updated from 22.12.19	1.5 Kgs.	4 Kgs.	2.5 Kgs. Excess

The weighing of ration items was done through an electronic weighing machine by one of the mediators i.e., Sri Davuluri Narendra Babu which was brought from local provisions shop. The Hostel Welfare Officer has informed that the ration for 1 day (23.12.2019) was given to cook as per the boarders attendance. Accordingly, the approximate usage of ration up to 23.12.2019 is shown in the above table and the actual excess/shortage of items was calculated accordingly. When the Inspector-III, ACB asked about the irregular maintenance of Stock register and excess quantities of provisions found in the stock room, the Hostel Welfare Officer has not given any reasonable explanation.

4. Daily Purchase Register:

It is being maintained from 12.06.2019 to 21.12.2019. On perusal of the register, the HWO has not mentioned the particulars of Vegetables purchased by him in the register.

5. Item wise Distribution Register:

It is being maintained for the academic year 2019-2020 from 12.06.2019 and on perusal of the register, Carpets & Bed Sheets, Track Suit & Belts, Note Books, Uniform Dress, Shoes were supplied to the boarders and obtained signature of the boarders, but the above items were not supplied to the some of the boarders. When the Inspector asked about non supply of items to the boarders, he informed that since the boarders are not present in the Hostel and went on leave, he did not supply the same to them.

6. Staff movement Register:

It is being maintained from 01.04.2017 to 19.12.2019. As per the Register Sri Syed Sayeed Ahamed Kirmani, HWO went to Kanchikacherla Panchayat and ASWO Office, Nandigama regarding Hostel Building Property Tax and no mention was found about the other employees of the Hostel.

7. Boarders Movement Register:

It is being maintained for the year 2017-2018 from 01.06.2017 to 20.12.2019. On perusal of the register, Issac went on permission on 20.12.2019. No other boarder went on permission till the date of Surprise Check i.e., on 23.12.2019, when the Inspector asked about 46 boarders, who are not present in the hostel though they were given present on 22.12.2019, he maintained Silence.

8. Medical Checkup Register:

It is being maintained for the academic year from 12.06.2017 to 28.11.2019. On perusal of the Register, the medical officer has visited the hostel and signed in the Register on 28-11-2019 and did not visit the Hostel till the date of Surprise Check i.e., on 23.12.2019 though the boarders are getting Skin diseases and Viral fevers.

9. Admission Register:

It is being maintained for the academic year from 01.06.2016. On perusal of the register total 30 boarders were given fresh admissions in the hostel in the academic year 2019-2020.

10. Advisory Committee Meeting and Parents Meeting Register:

It is being maintained from 12.06.2019 to 14.12.2019. The concerned officials attended the advisory committee meeting and gave certain advice. A parent meeting was conducted on 09.11.2019 in the Hostel and on perusal of Register no signatures of parents are taken in the Register.

11. Students Grievance Register:

It is being maintained during the Academic Year 2019-2020 from 01-04-2019 and the boarders complained that they have not received Cosmetic Charges, uniforms and Medicines.

12. Superior Officer's Visitor's Register:

On perusal of the register it is observed that the last visit made by the ASWO is on 13.12.2019 and the ASWO mentioned in the register that "Inspected the Hostel at 6.30 PM staff HW and 2 Class-IV are present, students 96/126 are present in the hostel, staff prepared and serving Supper with Rice, Chicken Curry and Gongura according to Menu. Interacted with students for 40 minutes motivated the 10th Class students to prepare well for attending the Final exams verified all the new campus, Toilets Block, verified all the records and the stocks maintained in the Hostel. Instructed the HW and staff to concentrate more on 10th Class students. Verified the supplies made by the Govt. such as Blankets, Shoes etc. BMA is mandatory no manual attendance is allowed".

13. Daily Menu Register:

It is being maintained for the Academic Year 2019-2020 from 12.06.2019. On perusal of the register on 21.12.2019 Mess Committee Boarder leader (Student) was not signed.

14. Sick Boarder Register:

It is being maintained for the year 2019 from 01.06.2019. On perusal of the register on 30.11.2019 and 13.12.2019, the ASWO verified the Register.

15. Cash Book:

It is being maintained for the Academic Year 2019-2020 from 01.04.2019. After 31.10.2019, no transaction was mentioned in the Register.

When the ACB team visited the entire Hostel premises found the sanitary conditions of the hostel premises very poor and the lavatories are emitting a bad smell. Due to poor sanitary conditions, borders are getting skin diseases and viral fevers.

Inspector- III informed ASWO Sri Sangepu Samson about the Surprise Check. The ASWO informed to Inspector-III that he is attending the Surprise Check proceedings at Girls Hostel, Gandepalli (V), Kanchikacherla (M) conducted by the ACB officials.

The ACB Inspector got photocopied the above-mentioned 15 registers with one of his staff instead of not causing inconvenience to maintain the records and accordingly the HWO instructed one of his staff to get a photocopy of the records.

Meanwhile at about 14.00 Hrs. ASWO Sri Sangepu Samson attended the hostel and introduced himself. On examination, during Surprise Check, he stated that he already warned the HWO about the irregularities not to repeat again and also warned the HWO to reside in Kanchikacherla, otherwise he will put the irregularities in the notice of higher authorities to initiate action against him. He further stated that due to the ill health of the watchman, they accepted his father to work in the hostel in the place of Seelam Venkateswara Rao Watchman to avoid inconvenience to the Borders. But as per the rules they should not entertain a private person to work in the place of Govt. employees and also because of the shortage of workers in this hostel.

Meanwhile one of the hostel staff got photocopied the 15 records and the Inspector-III seized the above Photostat copies duly attested by the mediators, Inspector-III and ASWO for the purpose of the enquiry and Inspector-III returned the above 15 original records for further maintenance.

The Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel Special, Gottumukkala Road, Vasantha Colony, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District situated Gotumukkala Road, Vasantha Colony Road cross, Vasantha Colony, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District. The Hostel is consisting of a compound wall with an entrance gate towards the east face to Vasantha Colony Road. A Ground plus First-floor building constructed in a rectangular shape. On the Western side of the Ground floor, a total of eight rooms are situated and out of which one room is meant for Office and one room is meant for provisions to the stock room and another room is meant for the dining room and another room is meant for Kitchen room remaining four rooms are being used as living rooms by the boarders. A Staircase is leading to the terrace for the middle of the building. On the first floor of the western side and southern side, four rooms are situated and they are being utilized by the boarders as living rooms. Southwest side of the Hostel ground floor and 11 latrines and 10 bath rooms are situated. Inspector got photographed the lavatories, kitchen, water head tank and other premises of the hostel. Rough Sketch was also prepared.

The proceedings were prepared by one of the mediator i.e., Sri D.Narendra Babu, Executive Tax Assistant (Jr. Asst.). The Mediators Report was supplied to Sri Syed Sayeed Ahamed Kirmani, HWO, Government SW Boys Hostel Special, Gottumukkala Road, Vasantha Colony, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District under proper acknowledgement. The Mediators Report was concluded at 17.00 Hrs. on 23.12.2019.

Further enquiry was continued by the Range Inspector-III, who was subsequently promoted as DSP, ACB, Vijayawada Range.

During the Surprise Check the following variations are found when the provisions available in the stock room were got weighed and compared with the entries mentioned in the Stock Register.

As per the Revised Rates in Social Welfare Hostels for the year 2019-2020 vide Proceedings Rc.No.A2/137/2019, Dt.26.09.2019, Office of the Collector & District Magistrate, Krishna District, the Value of the variations of provisions that were found in the stock room which were got weighed and compared with the entries mentioned in the Stock Register are calculated as mentioned below

Sl. No.	Item	As per Stock Issue Register Balance	Physical verification Balance as on 23.12.2019	Shortage / Excess	Cost of the each Provisions	Excess Stock Amount (in Rs.)	Shortage Stock Amount (in Rs.)
1	Rice	520 Kgs.	530 Kgs.	10 Kgs. Excess	10 X 1.00	10.00	---
2	Red gram Dal	17 Kgs.	13.700	3.300 Kgs. Shortage	3.300 X 90	--	297.00
3	Oil (Pam oil)	6 Ltrs.	1 Ltrs.	5 Ltrs. Shortage	5 X 66	--	330.00
4	Tamarind	33 Kgs.	24.500 Kgs.	8.500 Kgs. Shortage	8.500 X 139	--	118.50
5	Ragi malt	5 Kgs.	2.500 Kgs.	2.500 Kgs. Shortage	2.500 X 43	--	107.50
6	Jaggery	2 Kgs.	Not found	2 Kgs. Shortage	2 X 49	--	98.00
7	Salt	2 Kgs.	7 Kgs.	5 Kgs. Excess	7 X 9.50	66.50	--
8	Wheat Ravva	14 Kgs.	9.200 Kgs.	4.800 Kgs. Shortage	4.800 X 32	--	153.60
9	Idly Ravva	22 Kgs.	18.100 Kgs.	3.900 Kgs. Shortage	3.900 X 32	--	124.80
10	B.G. Dall (Minapapu)	15 Kgs.	7 Kgs.	8 Kgs. Shortage	8 X 75	--	600.00
11	Ground nuts	2 Kgs.	7.790 Kgs.	5.790 Kgs. Excess	5.790 X 95	550.05	--
12	Chekkis (Ground Nut Pattis)	4,750 Nos.	5000 Nos.	250 Nots. Excess	250 X 3	750.00	---
13	Papulu (Talimpu)	3.800 Kgs.	1.700 Kgs.	2.100 Kgs. Shortage	2.100 X 89	--	186.90
14	Red Chili Powder	4.500 Kgs.	9 Kgs.	4.500 Kgs. Excess	4.500 X 180	810.00	--
15	Sugar	6 Kgs.	7.400 Kgs.	1.400 Kgs. Excess	1.400 X 45	63.00	--
16	Wheat Powder	5 Kgs.	Not dound	5 Kgs. shortage as on 23.12.2019	5 X 32	--	160
17	Turmeric Powder	1.5 Kgs.	4 Kgs.	2.5 Kgs. Excess	2.5 X 120	300.00	--
					TOTAL	2,549.55	2,175.40

During the enquiry, the Deputy Supdt. of Police, ACB addressed letters to the Head Master of Schools with a request to furnish the attendance particulars of the students (student wise) of Govt. Social Welfare Boys Hostel, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, who are studying in their Schools from 15.06.2019 to 31.12.2019. In turn, the

concerned Head Masters of Schools furnished attendance particulars and the particulars are as follows:

Sl. No.	Month	M.P.U.P. School		Vijayarani School		Z.P.H. School		Teja School		Total	
		No. of Students	Total Attendance with Holidays	No. of Students	Total Attendance with Holidays	No. of Students	Total Attendance with Holidays	No. of Students	Total Attendance with Holidays	No. of Students	Attendance with Holidays
1	6/2019	11	104	--	--	51	582	--	--	62	686
2	7/2019	11	304	--	--	65	1601	--	--	76	1905
3	8/2019	11	266	--	--	67	1498	--	--	78	1764
4	9/2019	11	388	--	--	69	1561	--	--	80	1816
5	10/2019	14	388	--	--	71	1731	--	--	85	2119
6	11/2019	15	308	18	534	84	1940	3	57	120	2839
7	12/2019	14	280	24	502	84	1372	3	61	125	2215
		87	1905	42	1036	491	10285	6	118	626	13344

The Joint Director (SW), Krishna, Machilipatnam, vide letter Rc.No.B1/30/2020/A1, Dated:Nil.01.2020 furnished G.O.Ms.No.82 SW (EDN.2) Dept., Dated:05.06.2018 regarding Diet charges. As per the G.O. the Diet Charges per boarder per month is Rs.1000/- for 3rd Class & 4th Class, 5th to 10th Classes boarder per month 1250/- above Classes.

The following is the eligibility / to draw the amount for the period 01.06.2019 to 31.12.2019 as per the School Attendance.

Sl. No.	Month	No. of Present III - IV Class	Amount per day	Eligible Amount (3) X (4)	No. of Present V - X Class	Amount per day	Eligible Amount (6) X (7)	Total Present (3 + 6)	Total Eligible Amount (5+8)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
1	Jun-19	56	33.33	1866.48	630	41.66	26245.80	686	28112.28
2	Jul-19	238	32.26	7677.88	1667	40.32	67213.44	1905	74891.32
3	Aug-19	206	32.26	6645.56	1558	40.32	62818.56	1764	69464.12
4	Sep-19	187	33.33	6232.71	1629	41.66	67864.14	1816	74096.85
5	Oct-19	307	32.26	9903.82	1812	40.32	73059.84	2119	82963.66
6	Nov-19	312	33.33	10398.96	2527	41.66	105274.82	2839	115673.78
7	Dec-19	364	32.26	11742.64	1851	40.32	74632.32	2215	86374.96
		1670		54468.05	11674		477108.92	13344	531576.97

During the enquiry, the particulars of the diet in bills drawn by the HWO are obtained from the STO, Nandigama. They were compared the same with the eligible/to drawn as per the School Attendance Registers including the public holidays.

The details of amounts drawn excess by the HWO during the period 01.06.2019 to 31.12.2019 is as follows:

Sl. No.	Month	Total Present Students (days	Total Eligible Amount	Bill Amount Drawn as per STO, Nandigama	Excess diet charges claimed
1	Jun-19	686	28,112.28	92,322.00	64,209.72
2	Jul-19	1,905	74,891.32	1,54,170.00	79,278.68
3	Aug-19	1,764	69,464.12	72,728.00	3,263.88
4	Sep-19	1,816	74,096.85	63,668.00	(-) 10,428.85
5	Oct-19	2,119	82,963.66	52,846.00	(-) 30,117.66
6	Nov-19	2,839	1,15,673.78	1,20,043.00	4,369.22
7	Dec-19	2,215	86,374.96	1,06,041.00	19,666.04
		13,344	**5,31,576.97**	**6,61,818.00**	**1,30,241.03**

The following is the eligibility to draw the diet charges for the period 01.06.2019 to 31.12.2019, comparing with attendances of School, HWO login and ASWO login.

Month	Total Present as per School Attendance	Total Eligible Amount as per School Attendance in Rs	Total Present as per Attendance in HWO Login	Total Eligible Amount as per HWO Login in Rs.	Total Present as per Attendance in ASWO Login	Total Eligible Amount as per ASWO Login in Rs.	Bill Amount Drawn in Rs.
Jun-19	686	28112.28	1553	64697.98	2,527	72,479	92,322
Jul-19	1905	74891.32	2682	1,08,138.21	3,012	1,19,701	1,54,170
Aug-19	1764	69464.12	1968	81,986.88	2,327	87,213	72,728
Sep-19	1816	74096.85	1901	79,195.66	2,0303	85,872	63,668
Oct-19	2119	82963.66	1480	61,153.60	1,828	60,973	52,846
Nov-19	2839	115673.78	2449	1,02,025.34	2,738	1,11,116	1,20,043
Dec-19	2215	86374.96	2966	1,19,589.12	2,966	1,16,392	1,06,041
	13344	5,31,576.97	14,999	6,16,786.79	17,701	6,53,746	6,61,818

As seen the above table it is clearly shows the then HWO (SO-1) inflated Biometric Attendance in order to claim diet bills. The then ASWO (SO-2) also made one step forward, inflated some of the boarders by submitted the SO-1 and claimed the diet bills.

As per the School attendance, Rs.5,31,576.97/- has to be drawn as diet charges. But total Rs.6,61,818/- was claimed and drawn as diet charges.

Excess diet amount claimed by the HWO (SO-1):
HWO login eligibility (-) School attendance eligibility.
(Rs.6,16,786.79/- (-) Rs.5,31,576.97/- = Rs.85,209.82/-
Hence, Rs.85,209.82/- has to be recovered from SO-1.
Excess diet amount claimed as per the attendance inflated by the ASWO (SO-2)
Total Bill Amount Drawn (-) Total Eligible Amount as per HWO Login.
(Rs.6,61,818/- (-) Rs.6,16,786.79/-) = Rs.45,031.21/- has to be recovered from SO-2.

ORAL EVIDENCE

Sri Akkaraju Sridhar, S/o Venkateswaralu, 51 years, Deputy Asst.Commissioner of State Taxes, O/o the Assistant Commissioner, Krishna Lanka Circle, Opp. Annapurna Theatre, Ali Beg Street, Governorpet, Vijayawada, R/o Flat No. 1/C, Sadguru Sai Towers, Near Baburao Meda, Satyanarayanapuram, Vijayawada, (Mediator-1)

Sri Davuluri Narendra Babu, S/o D. Durga Rao, 31 years, Executive Tax Assistant (Jr. Assistant) O/o the Asst. Commissioner, Krishna Lanka Circle, Opp. Annapurna Theatre, Ali Beg Street, Governorpet, Vijayawada, R/o D.No.24-26-48, Foundry Street, Durgapuram, Vijayawada, (Mediator-2).

He is one of the mediators during the conduct of surprise check on the Govt. SW Boys Hostel (Special), Kanchikacherla, Krishna District on 23.12.2019 and he speaks about his observations as Mediator during the Surprise Check and etc. facts.

Smt. Pakalapati Lakshmi, W/o Jacob, 51 years, (Kamati) Government SW Boys Hostel Special, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o R.C.M. Church Road, Chevitikallu (V), Kanchikacherla (M), Krishna District, (COOK):

She stated that she has been working as Cook in the Hostel from June-2017. Sri Syed Sayeed Ahamed Kirmani, HWO and Seelam Venkateswara Rao is Watchman of this Hostel. Since one month Watchman Seelam Venkateswara Raois suffering from Jaundice and he not attended Watchman duties. The Warden allowed Seelam VenkateswaraRao's father Seelam Veera Babu to work as Watchman in the place of

Seelam Venkateswara Rao. Daily she comes to the hostel at 5.30 AM and the HWO issue provisions to her for prepares food as per menu and serves the same to the boarders along with the assistance of watchman. Further she stated that Eggs and Bananas are not being served to the boarders and Chicken served only 2 days in week and etc. facts.

Sri Seelam Veera Babu, S/o Peddirajulu, 45 years, R/o 25th lane, Sarada Colony, Guntur:

On examination he stated that his son Seelam VenkateswaraRao working as Watchman in Government Welfare Hostel, now he worked in Kanchikacherla Government Hostel. His son Seelam Venkateswara Rao is suffering from Jaundice and he was not able to attend duties and on that he requested Warden that he will work in the place of his son as watchman. Warden agreed and from 03.12.2019 onwards, he is working as watchman in the place of his son and etc. Facts.

Kocharla Ravi Kiran S/o Santaiah, 14 years, 10th class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o Anasagaram (V), Nandigama (M), Krishna District, (10th Class).

Palllepogu Vidhya Sagar, S/o Sudhakar, 16 years, 10th class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o Chowtapalli (V), Veerullapadu (M), Krishna District, (10th Class).

Palaparthi Tirupathi Rao, S/o Rubenu, 15 years, 9th Class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o S.Amaravaram (V), Kanchikacherla (M), Krishna District, (9th Class).

On examination LWs. 5 to 7 stated that they are studying in Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla and staying in the hostel. They stated that the HWO has not being giving Towels, soaps. The sanitary conditions of the Hostel are not good. Toilets are not in good condition. Further they stated that the HWO is serving inferior quality of rice and the same is also not sufficient to them. The HWO is forced to them to cleaning Bath rooms. The HWO is residing at Labbipeta, Vijayawada and comes to daily at 08.00Hrs. They are also stated that Watchman Venkateswara Rao is absent to his duties due to ill health and his father is working in his place since 20 days and etc. facts.

Sri Medidha Ajay, S/o Balaswamy, 14 years, 9th Class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o Bellamkondavaripalem, Nandigama (M), Krishna District, (9th Class).

Sagurthi Pullaiah, S/o Yesupadam, 14 years, 9th Class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, Cell No.9010932889, (9th Class).

Sri Palaparti Abhishek, S/o Elisa, 13 years, 7th Class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o S.Amaravaram (V), Kanchikacherla (M), Krishna District, (7th Class).

On examination LWs.8 to 11 stated that they are studying in Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla and staying in the hostel. They stated that the HWO has not being giving Towels, soaps. The sanitary conditions of the Hostel are not good. Toilets are not in good condition. Further they stated that the HWO is serving inferior quality of rice and the same is also not sufficient to them. The HWO is forced them to clean Bath rooms. The HWO is residing at Labbipeta, Vijayawada and comes to daily at 08.00Hrs. They are also stated that Watchman VenkateswaraRao is absent to his duties due to ill health and his father is working in his place since 20 days and etc. facts.

During course of enquiry LWs.8 to 11 were further examined. On examination they stated that when they are residing in the hostel, the hostel warden used to take

attendance in both ways. One is by marking attendance in the hostel attendance register and another is in digital way i.e., through biometric or manually uploading in the tab/laptop. In the initial stage the HWO feed their right hand thumb impression in their name in the Biometric machine and remaining four fingers impressions are in others name those who are not residing in the hostel. Regularly the HWO or the watchman used to take five members attendance including them through putting their five fingers on the biometric machine. In the same manner HWO used to mark attendance through the other hostel boarders also. Normally 45 to 48 boarders are resided in the hostel regularly at that time.

LW-12: Sri Varre Surya, S/O. Venkateswara Rao, 18 years, MR Appa Rao Colony, Nuzividu, Krishna District.

During course of enquiry he was secured and examined. On examination he stated that he is the boarder of Kanchikacharla Hostel from 2015 to 2020 Academic years and studied 6th to 10th class and he is present in the hostel on the day of Surprise check on the hostel. He stated that at that time the HWO has not served Milk, Banana, and snacks regularly to them and not follow the Menu Chart. The sanitary conditions of the Hostel are not good. Toilets are not in good condition. The HWO served insufficient rice and it is not sufficient to them. The HWO used to clean some of the bathrooms by the hostel boarders. The HWO used to serve Chicken two times in a week and the HWO is residing at Labbipeta, Vijayawada. He attends the hostel once in three days. Watchman Venkateswara Rao is absent to his duties due to ill health and his father is working in his place since 20 days at that time. When he is residing in the hostel the hostel warden used to take attendance in both ways. One is by marking attendance in the hostel attendance register and another is in digital way i.e., through biometric or manually uploading in the tab/laptop. In the initial stage the HWO feed his right hand thumb impression in his name in the Biometric machine and remaining four finger impressions are in others name those who are not residing in the hostel. Regularly the HWO or the watchman used to take five members attendance including him through putting his five fingers on the biometric machine. In the same manner HWO used to mark attendance through the other hostel boarders also. Normally 45 to 48 boarders are resided in the hostel regularly at that time etc. facts.

Sri Uttaravalli Venkata Koteswara Rao, S/o Simhachalam, 46 years, Hostel Welfare Officer, Nandigama, Krishna District.

During course of enquiry he was secured and examined. On examination he stated that he is working as HWO, Social Welfare Boys Hostel-1, Nandigama from June, 2017 to till date. On 23.12.2019 ACB officials conducted Surprise check on S.W. Boys Hostel, Kanchikacharla. After suspension of Sri Syed Sayeed Ahamed Kirmani, HWO, Kanchikacharla, he took additional charge of the said hostel as per the orders of Sri P.S.A. Prasad, Joint Director, Social Welfare on 27.01.2020 at about 06.00Hrs. At that time 33 students were present in the hostel. Later 10 students came to the hostel. On that he took Bio-metric attendance of the said 43 students, but in the Attendance Register Roll it was mentioned as 129 students. On examination of Sri Seelam Venkateswara Rao, Watchman & students Medida Ajay, 9th Class, Saggurthi Pullaiah Babu, 9th Class, Palaparthi TirupathiRao, 9th Class, Katarapu Ganesh, 8th Class, they told that the then HWO Sri Syed Sayeed Ahamed Kirmani took Biometric Attendance of each student noted 5 names and took their finger prints and then register in online. The then HWO took finger prints of 5 fingers of each students separately and mentioned not present in the hostel students and their names registered in online and took biometric attendance. After examined the students for few days and then also examined the parents of boarders, who are not present, they told that without their notice noted the names of their children in the hostel. Later he brought to the notice of ASWO Sri S.Samson and then removed 86 students names, who were not present in the hostel. The then HWO did not link up Aadhaar number of students to Biometric Attendance and thereby did malpractices. As the said 80 students names are fake, the then HWO shifted Blankets, Carpets, Dresses, Shoes, Bags and illegal claimed on their names. The then HWO did the above said malpractices with the support of Sri Sangepu Samson, ASWO by giving monthly

mamools and for that they didn't point out the irregularities done by the then HWO etc. facts.

Statement of Sri Pothakamuri Gopala Krishna, S/o Punnayya, 60 years, Asst. Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama, NTR District:

During course of enquiry he was secured and examined. On examination he stated that he is working as Asst. Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama, NTR District from 13.07.2021 to till date. The Govt. Social Welfare Boys Hostel (Special), Kanchikacherla, Krishna District comes under his jurisdiction. On verification of records during the period from June, 2019 to December, 2019 it is found that the HWO, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, Sri Syed Sayeed Ahmed Kirmani committed irregularities by improper maintenance of registers and also claimed the diet bills amounts by inflating the boarders attendance in Biometric. During that period compared to Manual Attendance Register with Biometric attendance, it is noticed on the date of opening of hostel on 12.06.2019, 15 boarders were shown present in the Attendance Register, whereas the HWO Login shows that 80 boarders attendance with student ID particulars was fed through online by way of manual method. It is further noticed that the then ASWO Login shows Biometric particulars of Govt. Social Welfare Boys Hostel (Special), Kanchikacherla, 70 boarders were present in the hostel each day in between 01.06.2019 to 11.06.2019, even that period hostel is not started and claimed the bill for that period also, which is major irregularity committed by him. The HWO feed the attendance particulars of boarders in the Biometric during the period 01.06.2019 to 28.06.2019 after Biometric started on 29.06.2019. Every day he is feeding the particulars of boarders online by way of Biometric Laptop, Tab and manual from 12.06.2019 to 23.12.2019.

As per the information given by the Sub Treasury Officer, Nandigama, Krishna District vide letter Rc.No.A2/08/2021, Dt.05.08.2021 HWO drawn Rs.6,61,818/- from 01.06.2019 to 31.12.2019.

Sl. No.	Month	Amount in Rupees	Bill No.	Date of Encashment of bill
1	6/2019	92,322/-	1403298	22.09.2019
2	7/2019	1,54,170/-	1402082	25.09.2019
3	8/2019	72,728/-	1403667	26.09.2019
4	9/2019	63,668/-	1507577	15.10.2019
5	10/2019	52,846/-	1860508	05.12.2019
6	11/2019	1,20,043/-	187898	08.12.2019
7	12/2019	1,06,041/-	2144378	08.01.2020
	TOTAL	6,61,818		

The online attendance particulars from 01.06.2019 to 31.12.2019 in ASWO Login, the Bill drawn particulars for the same period are also obtained from the Sub-Treasury office Nandigama which were showed as follows:

Sl. No.	Month	No. of Students Present as per Biometric Attendance in ASWO Login.	Bill Amount Drawn
1	Jun - 19	2,527	92,322
2	Jul - 19	3,012	1,54,170
3	Aug - 19	2,327	72,728
4	Sep - 19	2,303	63,668
5	Oct - 19	1,828	52,846
6	Nov - 19	2,738	1,20,043
7	Dec - 19	2,966	1,06,041
	TOTAL	17,701	**6,61,818**

As seen from the above table, the ASWO Login showed total boarders attendance for 17,701 days for the period from 01.06.2019 to 31.12.2019. It proves

that the HWO inflated the boarders' attendance and the then ASWO also again inflated the figures in order to claim the excess diet charges.

The HWO failed the attendance particulars of boarders in Biometric/online by showing the boarders are studying 5th Class instead of as they are actually studying 3rd class and also noticed that the HWO showed 9th & 10th class boarders are studying 11th class. As he was well aware that he is not eligible to show the boarders studying 11th class and he didn't feed in his S.W. Boys Hostel Biometric 11th class, in order to claim excess diet bill only, wontedly misleading the Government, which resulted he claimed Rs.1,250/- to 5th to 10th classes and Rs.1,400/- to 11th class as per G.O. He also inflated the strength of boarders in his HWO Login and claimed bills accordingly, which is gross misconduct and drawing excess diet charges.

Statement of Smt.Bandi Vijaya Bharathi, W/o Moganti Venkateswara Rao, 59 years, District Social Welfare & Empowerment Officer, Vijayawada NTR District.

During course of enquiry she was secured and examined. On examination she stated that She has been working as District Social Welfare & Empowerment Officer, Vijayawada NTR District since 04.04.2022 and she came to know that the ACB officials conducted Surprise Check at Govt. Social Welfare Boys Hostel (Special), Kanchikacherla, Krishna District on 23.12.2019 and they noticed on the HWO & the then ASWO claimed excess diet bills during the period from 01.06.2019 to 31.12.2019 by inflated boarders in the Biometric/online. As per the bills submitted by the HWO, Kanchikacherla, he drawled the following amounts during that period.

Sl. No.	Month	Amount in Rupees	Bill No.	Date of Encashment of bill
1	6/2019	92,322/-	1403298	22.09.2019
2	7/2019	1,54,170/-	1402082	25.09.2019
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	TOTAL	6,61,818		

Sri Pothakamuri Gopala Krishna, the present Asst. Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama, Krishna District deputed as per the request of ACB officials and gave instructions to him to verify the records maintained by the HWO & the then ASWO thoroughly verified the records & their Logins and to arrive the drawing excess diet charges caused by them. He in turn verified and noticed that the HWO, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, Sri Syed Sayeed Ahmed Kirmani claimed the bills amounts during the period June, 2019 to December, 2019. On that the ASWO verified the attendance register of S.W. Boys Hostel, Kanchikachela, the ASWO Login the total Biometric/online Attendance of boarders 17,701 days. It itself shows the HWO wantonly inflated the boarders attendance and the then ASWO also again inflated the figures in order to claim the excess bills and drawing excess diet charges. The HWO feed the attendance particulars of boarders in Biometric/online by showing the boarders are studying 5th Class instead of as they are actually studying 3rd class and also noticed that the HWO showed 9th & 10th class boarders are studying 11th class. The Social Welfare Boys Hostel means pre-metric hostel eligible boarders to join in the hostel up to 10th Class. As he was well aware this fact and not eligible to show the boarders are studying 11th class in order to claim excess diet bill only he wontedly feed the Biometric/online particulars by showing as the boarders are studying higher classes instead of their actual studying, thereby misleading the Government, which resulted he claimed Rs.1,250/- to 5th to 10th classes and Rs.1,400/- to 11th class as per G.O. He also inflated the strength of boarders in his HWO Login and claimed bills accordingly.

The following irregularities were committed by the G.S Sri Sangepu Samson, ASWO, Nandigama Division, Krishna District. (Now Retired on 30.06.2021)

1. That Sri Sangepu Samson ASWO (G.S) further inflated the online boarder's attendance which was already inflated by Sri Syed Sayeed Ahamed Kirmani, Hostel Welfare Officer, and drawn excess diet charges of Rs.45,031.21/-.

2. That the Sri Sangepu Samson ASWO (G.S) failed to properly inspect the Government Social Welfare Boys Hostel, Kanchikacharla and orally allowed a private person to work as Watchman and also failed to supervise the work of his sub-ordinate.

Thus, Sri Sangepu Samson while working as Asst. Social Welfare Officer, Vijayawada, Krishna District, by his above-mentioned acts, has exhibited a lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a member of state Government Service and thereby An amount of Rs.45,031.21/- to be recovered from G.S. to be placed on his defence before the Commissioner of Inquiries (COI) for his misconduct for violation of Rule 3(1) (2) & 3(5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 R/W Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules,1980.

The Government Servant has therefore rendered himself liable for regular departmental action for major penalty.

G. JAYALAKSHMI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE - III

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGES WERE FRAMED AGAINST SRI SANGEPU SAMSON, ASSISTANT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, NANDIGAMA DIVISION, KRISHNA DISTRICT.

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ORAL EVIDENCE

1. Sri Akkaraju Sridhar, S/o Venkateswaralu, 51 years, Deputy Asst. Commissioner of State Taxes, O/o the Assistant Commissioner, Krishna Lanka Circle, Opp. Annapurna Theatre, Ali Beg Street, Governorpet, Vijayawada, R/o Flat No. 1/C, Sadguru Sai Towers, Near Baburao Meda, Satyanarayanapuram, Vijayawada, (Mediator-1).

He is one of the mediators during the conduct of Surprise Check on the Govt. Social Welfare Boys Hostel (Special), Kanchikacherla, Krishna District on 23.12.2019 and he speaks about his observations as Mediator during the Surprise Check and etc. facts.

2. Sri Davuluri Narendra Babu, S/o D. Durga Rao, 31 years, Executive Tax Assistant (Jr. Assistant) O/o the Asst. Commissioner, Krishna Lanka Circle, Opp. Annapurna Theatre, Ali Beg Street, Governor pet, Vijayawada, R/o D.No.24-26-48, Foundry Street, Durgapuram, Vijayawada, (Mediator-2).

He is one of the mediators during the conduct of surprise check on the Govt. SW Boys Hostel (Special), Kanchikacherla, Krishna District on 23.12.2019 and he speaks about his observations as Mediator during the Surprise Check and etc. facts.

3. Smt.Pakalapati Lakshmi, W/o Jacob, 51 years, (Kamati) Government SW Boys Hostel Special, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o R.C.M. Church Road, Chevitikallu (V), Kanchikacherla (M), Krishna District, (COOK):

She stated that she has been working as Cook in the Hostel from June-2017. Sri Syed Sayeed Ahamed Kirmani, HWO and Seelam Venkateswara Rao is Watchman of this Hostel. and etc. facts.

4. Sri Seelam Veera Babu, S/o Peddirajulu, 45 years, R/o 25th lane, Sarada Colony, Guntur:

On examination he stated that his son Seelam Venkateswara Rao working as Watchman in Government Welfare Hostel, now he worked in Kanchikacherla Government Hostel. His son Seelam Venkateswara Rao is suffering from Jaundice and he was not able to attend duties and on that he requested Warden that he will work in the place of his son as watchman. Warden agreed and from 03.12.2019 onwards, he is working as watchman in the place of his son and etc. facts.

5. Kocharla Ravi Kiran S/o Santaiah, 14 years, 10th class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o Anasagaram (V), Nandigama (M), Krishna District, (10th Class).

6. Palllepogu Vidhya Sagar, S/o Sudhakar, 16 years, 10th class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o Chowtapalli (V), Veerullapadu (M), Krishna District, (10th Class).

7. Palaparthi Tirupathi Rao, S/o Rubenu, 15 years, 9th Class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o S.Amaravaram (V), Kanchikacherla (M), Krishna District, (9th Class).

On examination LWs.5 to 7 stated that they are studying in Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla and staying in the hostel. They stated that the HWO has not being

giving Towels, soaps. The sanitary conditions of the Hostel are not good. Toilets are not in good condition. They are also stated that Watchman Venkateswara Rao is absent to his duties due to ill health and his father is working in his place since 20 days and etc. facts.

8. Medida Ajay, S/o Balaswamy, 14 years, 9th Class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o Bellamkondavaripalem, Nandigama (M), Krishna District, (9th Class).

9. Sagurthi Pullaiah, S/o Yesupadam, 14 years, 9th Class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, Cell No.9010932889, (9th Class).

10. Katarapu Ganesh, S/o Pitchaiah, 14 years, 8th Class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o Raghavapuram (V), Nandigama (M), Krishna District, (8th Class).

11. Palaparti Abhishek, S/o Elisa, 13 years, 7th Class, Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District, R/o S.Amaravaram (V), Kanchikacherla (M), Krishna District , (7th Class).

On examination LWs.8 to 11 stated that they are studying in Z.P. High School, Kanchikacherla and staying in the hostel. They stated that the HWO has not being giving Towels, soaps. The sanitary conditions of the Hostel are not good. They are also stated that Watchman Venkateswara Rao is absent to his duties due to ill health and his father is working in his place since 20 days and etc. facts.

12. Varre Surya, S/O. Venkateswara Rao, 18 years, MR Appa Rao Colony, Nuzividu, Krishna District.

During course of enquiry he was secured and examined. On examination he stated that he is the boarder of Kanchikacharla Hostel from 2015 to 2020 Academic years and studied 6th to 10th class and he is present in the hostel on the day of Surprise check on the hostel. He stated that at that time the HWO has not served Milk, Banana, and snacks regularly to them and not follow the Menu Chart. etc. facts.

13. Uttaravalli Venkata Koteswara Rao, S/o Simhachalam, 46 years, Hostel Welfare Officer, Nandigama, Krishna District.

During course of enquiry he was secured and examined. After suspension of Sri Syed Sayeed Ahamed Kirmani, HWO, Kanchikacharla, he took additional charge of the said hostel as per the orders of Sri P.S.A. Prasad, Joint Director, Social Welfare on 27.01.2020 at about 06.00Hrs. At that time 33 students were present in the hostel. Later 10 students came to the hostel. On that he took Bio-metric attendance of the said 43 students, but in the Attendance Register Roll it was mentioned as 129 students. etc. facts.

14. Statement of Sri Pothakamuri Gopala Krishna, S/o Punnayya, 60 years, Asst. Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama, NTR District:

During course of enquiry he was secured and examined. On examination he stated that he is working as Asst. Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama, NTR District from 13.07.2021 to till date. The Govt. Social Welfare Boys Hostel (Special), Kanchikacherla, Krishna District comes under his jurisdiction.

15. Statement of Smt.Bandi Vijaya Bharathi, W/o Moganti Venkateswara Rao, 59 years, District Social Welfare & Empowerment Officer, Vijayawada NTR District:

During course of enquiry She was secured and examined. On examination she stated that noticed on the HWO & the then ASWO claimed excess diet bills during the period from 01.06.2019 to 31.12.2019 by inflated boarders in the Biometric/online. As per the bills submitted by the HWO, Kanchikacherla, he drawled the following amounts during that period.

16. Sri K. Happy Krupa Vandanam, Inspector-I, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada:

He has participated in the Surprise Check on 23.12.2019 along with the Range Inspector-III and etc. facts.

17. Sri B. Srinivas, Deputy Supdt. of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada:

He conducted the Surprise Check on 23.12.2019 and at the time worked as Range Inspector-III, later subsequently promoted as DSP, ACB, Vijayawada Range and took up further enquiry, examination of witnesses and submitted detailed report and etc. facts.

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ANNEXURE - IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI SANGEPU SAMSON, ASSISTANT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, NANDIGAMA DIVISION, KRISHNA DISTRICT.

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DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

1. Surprise Check Proceedings, Dt.23.12.2019:

It reveals that the Surprise Check proceedings were drafted on 23.12.2019 from 06.30 Hrs., to 17.00 Hrs. in Govt. Social Welfare Boys Hostel Special, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District.

2. Boarders' Attendance Register:

During the surprise check, discrepancies in the attendance of the boarders residing in the hostel were verified by Lw-16 in the presence of mediators LW-1 & LW-2.

3. Staff Attendance Register:

During the Surprise Check proceedings, Dt.23.12.2019, perusal of the Staff Attendance Register for the month of December, 2019 indicates that the SO-1 allowed an unauthorized person to work as Watchman in the place of regular watchman,

4. Provisions Stock and Issue Register (Material Acquaintance Register):

During the Surprise Check proceedings, Dt.23.12.2019, perusal of Provisions & Stock Issue Register noticed that the provision stock balances were not updated to 22.12.2019.

5. Daily Purchase Register:

It is being mentioned from 12.06.2019 to 21.12.2020 that the HWO not mentioned the particulars of vegetables by him in the register.

6. Item wise Distribution Register:

It is being maintained for the academic year 2019-2020 from 12.06.2019 and on perusal of the register, Carpets & Bed Sheets, Track Suit & Belts, Note Books, Uniform Dress, Shoes were shown as supplied to the boarders and obtained signature of the boarders. But the above items were not supplied to the some of the boarders.

7. Staff Movement Register:

It is being maintained from 01-04-2017 to 19-12-2019 and as per the Register Sri Syed Sayeed Ahamed Kirmani, HWO went to Kanchikacherla Panchayat and ASWO office, Nandigama regarding Hostel Building Property Tax and no mention was found about the other employees of the Hostel.

8. Boarders Movement Register:

It is being maintained for the year 2017-2018 from 01-06-2017 to 20-12-2019. On perusal of the register Isaac went on permission on 20-02-2019 and no other boarder went on permission till the date of Surprise Check i.e. on 23.12.2019.

9. Medical Checkup Register:

It is being maintained for the academic year from 12.06.2017 to 28-11-2019. On perusal of the Register, the medical officer has visited the hostel and signed in the

Register on 28.11.2019 and did not visit the Hostel till the date of Surprise Check i.e., on 23.12.2019 though the boarders are getting Skin diseases and viral fevers.

10. Admission Register of Boarders:

It is being maintained for the academic year from 01.06.2016. On perusal of the register total 30 boarders were given fresh admissions in the Hostel in this academic year 2019-2020.

11. Advisory Committee Meeting and Parents Meeting Register:

It is being maintained from 12.06.2019 to 14.12.2019 the concerned officials attended the advisory committee meeting and given certain advises. A parent meeting was conducted on 09.11.2019 in the Hostel and on perusal of Register no signatures of parents are found in the Register.

12. Students Grievance Register:

It is being maintained during the academic year 2019-2020 from 01-04-2019 and the boarders complained that they have not received Cosmetic Charges. Uniform and Medicines.

13. Daily Menu Register:

It is being maintained for the academic year 2019-2020 from 12.06.2019 onwards. On perusal of the register on 21.12.2019 Mess Committee Boarder leader (Student) not signed.

14. Sick Boarder Register:

It is being maintained for the academic year 2019 from 01.06.2019. On perusal of the register it indicated that on 30.11.2019 and 13.12.2019 the ASWO verified the register.

15. Cash Book:

It is being maintained for the academic year of 2019-2020 from 01.04.2019. After 31.10.2019 no transaction was mentioned in the Register

16. Superior Officer's Visitor's Register:

During the Surprise Check Proceedings, on perusal of the Superior Officer's Visitor's Register it is noticed that the SO-2 in his visit on13.12.2019 didn't verified the records.

17. Attested Photostat copies of Attendance Register of the M.P.U.P. School, Vasantha Colony, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District:

It reveals about the School attendance of students who were boarders of Govt. Social Welfare Boys Hostel Special, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District.

18. Attested Photostat copies of Attendance Register of the Vijayarani School, Vasantha Colony, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District:

It reveals about the School attendance of students who were boarders of Govt. Social Welfare Boys Hostel Special, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District.

19. Attested Photostat copies of Attendance Register of the Z.P.H. School, Chevitikallu Road, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District:

It reveals about the School attendance of students who were boarders of Govt. Social Welfare Boys Hostel Special, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District.

20. **Attested Photostat copies of Attendance Register of the Teja School, Near RTC Bus Stand Center, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District:**

It reveals about the School attendance of students who were boarders of Govt. Social Welfare Boys Hostel Special, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District.

21. **Letter Rc.No.A2/08/2021, Dt.05.08.2021 of Sub Treasury Officer, Nandigama, Krishna District:**

The Sub Treasury Officer Nandigama, Krishna District vide letter Rc.No.A2/08/2021, Dt. 05.08.2021 informed that HWO, Kanchikacherla has drawn the diet bills from June 2019 to November 2019 as on 20.12.2019.

22. **Letter Rc.No. B/30/2020, Dt.Nil Joint Director of Social Welfare, Krishna, Machilipatnam:**

It reveals the records to be maintained at the Social Welfare Hostels, Services particulars of HWO & ASWO, Duties and Responsibilities of HWO & ASWO, Diet charges designed to the boarders per month, etc.

23. **Letter Dt.29.04.2022 of ASWO, Nandigama, Krishna District:**

It reveals that the SO.1 has marked total boarders attendance for 12,474 days in the hostel attendance register and entered boarders' attendance for 14,999 days in his Login through Biometric/online Attendance for the period 12.06.2019 to 31.12.2019.

24. **G.O.Ms.No.54, Social Welfare (EDN.1) Department, Dt.24.05.2014:**

As per the G.O., the revised guidelines issued by the Social Welfare Department, the primary duty and responsibility of HWO.

25. **Memo No.101/SPL.B/2000-4, Dt.17.04.2001 of the Secy. To Govt. (POLL), General Administration (SPECIAL-B) Dept., Govt. of A.P.**

As per the memo it is clearly stated that to engage a private person to perform official duties is illegal and also amounts to misconduct to indulge in such activities.

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